

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-58 were pending. Upon entry of this amendment, which cancels claims 1-3, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-18, 20-21, 24, 33, 35-39, 44, 46-48, 51-55, and 57 without prejudice, amends claims 4, 9, 14, 16, 19, 22-23, 25, 29, 34, 40, and 45, leaving claims 4-7, 9, 14, 16, 19, 22-23, 25-32, 34, 40-43, 45, 49-50, 56, and 58 pending consideration. In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-18, 20-21, 26-28, 33, 35-39, 44, and 46-58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bennett (U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0048277). In the Office Action, the Examiner stated claims 4-7, 9, 14, 16, 19, 22-23, 25, 29-32, 34, 40-43, and 45 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants aver that no new matter has been entered by this response.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview February 15, 2006 discussing proposed amendments to the claims and the cited art.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants note that claims 49, 50, 56, and 58 are allowable as they depend from allowed claims 6, 14, 31, and 42, respectfully.

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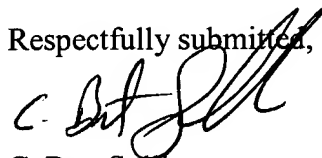
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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